

PATENT APPLICATION

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BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SEALING VESSELS

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No.

ROX 10/113,745 filed on April 1, 2002 by Buysse et al. entitled "BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SEALING VESSELS", *now Patent No. 6,726,686*, which is a

continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/090,081 filed on March 1, 2002

ROX by Buysse et al. entitled "BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SEALING VESSELS", *now Patent No. 6,743,229*, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No.

ROX 09/502,933 filed on February 11, 2000 by Buysse et al. entitled "BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SEALING VESSELS", *now Patent No. 6,352,536*, which is a

continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/968,779 filed on November 12, 1997 by

ROX Buysse et al. entitled "BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SEALING VESSELS", *now Patent No. 6,187,003*, the entire contents of all of these applications are incorporated by

reference herein in their entirety.

BACKGROUND

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to an electrosurgical instrument for permanently closing vessels in a human or animal, and more particularly to a bipolar electrosurgical